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In Re the Application of DINGS et al.

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Examiner: Mandy C. LOUIE

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A SUBSTRATE

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

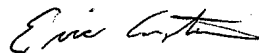
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance dated September 17, 2009, the Examiner has set forth "Reasons for Allowance." Applicants respectfully traverse these Reasons. Specifically, it is submitted that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their respective claimed elements and limitations as a whole. That is, the patentability of the claims rests on the combination of recited elements and limitations. As such, Applicants submit that no one element or limitation in particular should be deemed to impart or be required for patentability of the claims. Furthermore, Applicants submit that the dependent claims are allowable not only for their dependence on the allowed independent claims, but also for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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